

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF VERMONT**

**In Re: Application for Exemption from the Electronic Public Access Fees by Rebecca L. Fordon**

**ORDER GRANTING PACER FEE WAIVER**

This matter is before the Court upon the application and request by Ms. Fordon for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access fee schedule adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Court.

The Court finds that Ms. Fordon, as an individual researcher associated with an educational institution, falls within the class of users listed in the fee schedule as being eligible for a fee exemption. Additionally, Ms. Fordon has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information. Accordingly, Ms. Fordon shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this court, to the extent such use is incurred in the course of his researching 28 U.S.C. § 1782, which governs the provision of discovery assistance to foreign and international tribunals. She shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this court. Additionally, the following limitations apply:

1. this fee exemption applies only to Ms. Fordon and is valid only for the purposes stated above;
2. this fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of the court that are available through the PACER system;
3. by accepting this exemption, Ms. Fordon agrees not to sell for profit any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption;
4. Ms. Fordon is prohibited from transferring any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption, including redistribution via internet-based databases;
5. this exemption is valid until November 30, 2021.

This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time. A copy of this Order shall be sent to the PACER Service Center.

Dated at Rutland, within the District of Vermont, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

  
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Geoffrey W. Crawford, Chief Judge  
U. S. District Court